

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5685
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RASHTRIYA AROGYA NIDHI
AMBATI BRAHMANIAH

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have set up a Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the life threatening diseases to be funded out of it; and
- (d) the details of the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to help people in need of expensive medical care?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a)&(b): Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi has not been set up recently. Only the name of National Illness Assistance Funds, which was set up in 1997, has been changed as 'Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi' vide Government's Resolution No. W.11011/2/2003-NIAF dated 8.4.2003.

(c)&(d): The Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi provides financial assistance to patients, living below poverty line who are suffering from major life threatening diseases, to receive medical treatment at any of the Government/Superspeciality Hospitals/Institutes. An illustrative list of such diseases is annexed. The financial assistance to poor patients is released in the form of 'one-time grant'.

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (c) & (d) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.5685 for 30.4.2003.

An illustrative list# of categories of diseases covered for treatment under the Fund is given below:

1. Cardiology & Cardiac Surgery

Pacemakers disposable for interventional procedure including TMT, Echocardiography Coronary Angiography, Angioplasty Atherectomy, Heart surgery for Congenital and Acquired conditions including C.A.B.G., Vascular Surgery stents and Cardiac Transplantation, etc.

2. Cancer

Radiation treatment of all kinds.

Anti Cancer Chemotherapy

3. Urology/Nephrology

Dialysis along with consumable goods (coils and dialysis solution etc.) Vascular shunts for Dialysis, P.C.N. & P.C.N.L. Kits, Lithotripsy (for stones)-disposable and stents for endoscopic surgical procedure in Urology and Gastroenterology, Renal & Hepatic transplantation.

4. Orthopaedics

Artificial prosthesis for limbs, implants and total hip and knee replacement external fixators, AO implants used in the treatment of bone disease and fractures.

5. Miscellaneous

Intra-ocular lens implants, hearing aids and shunts for hydrocephalus.

6. Investigations

Ultra-sound, Doppler studies, Radioisotope scans, CT scan Mammography, Angiography for all organs, M.R.I., E.E.G., E.M.G., Urodynamic studies.

7. Drugs

Immuno-suppressive drugs, Anti TB drugs, Anti D, Anti Haemophilic globulin, Erythropoietin, Blood & Blood products, Plasma for patients of burn.

8. Other major illness considered appropriate for assistance by Medical Superintendent/Committee of Doctors could be added to the List.

The list could be modified by the Technical Committee.